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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FIKE *et al.*

Appl. No.: (To be assigned; Rule 53(b)
Divisional of 09/023,790)

Filed: (Herewith)

For: **Dry Powder Cells and Cell Culture
Reagents and Methods of
Production Thereof**

Art Unit: (To be assigned)

Examiner: (To be assigned)

Atty Docket: 0942.4290005/RWE/BJD

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

In the specification at page 1, line 4, after "application is a" please insert -- divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/023,790, filed February 13, 1998, which -- .

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-26, 38, 56-59 and 73-91, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows: